













## Notices to Consignees.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S  
STEAMER ADEN.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND  
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godowns COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From India, ex s.s. *Siddi*. From Malacca, ex s.s. *Siddi*.  
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 a.m. on the 2nd Instant.

Goods not cleared by the 7th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.  
All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1897. 676

## Shipping.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL  
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STEAMER ADEN.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Aden*, Capt. D. Davies  
having arrived from the above  
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature by the Underwriter and  
to take immediate delivery of their Goods  
from the Godowns.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before  
Noon, to-morrow, the 3rd Instant.

Any Cargo impeding for discharge will  
be landed into the Godowns of the Hong-  
kong and Kowloon Wharves and Godowns  
Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at  
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 11th Inst.  
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on the 10th Instant, at  
2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 2, 1897. 684

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This Vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, ex s.s. *Aden* and *Austral*.  
From Persia, ex s.s. *Aden* and *Austral*.  
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## Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,  
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silver Smiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
METEOROLOGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGEUR'S COMPASSES,  
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.  
RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES,  
ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,  
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware,  
Chandeliers & Ornaments, PLATED WARE,  
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## Steamers.

'SHELL' LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR MARSEILLES.

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Euphrates*,  
Capt. J. G. Spruce, will  
be despatched as above  
on THURSDAY, the 8th Instant.

For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
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DAVID SARSON, SONS & Co.,  
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Hongkong, April 6, 1897. 710

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

FOR NAGASAKI & WLAIVOSTOCK.

The German Steamship  
*Aden*,  
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above ports on FRIDAY, the 8th Instant,  
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For Freight, apply to  
MELOCHERS & Co.,  
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Hongkong, March 17, 1897. 651

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1897.

## HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, April 3, 1897.  
At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Pounds.

Highest. Lowest.

Cash. Cash.

## Butcher Meat.

Butcher Meat.	Chinese Names.
Bacon, English, lb.	來路烟猪肉
" Am. Sugar cured, 330	花旗烟猪肉
" Foochow, 200	福州烟猪肉
" Japan, cured, 240	日本烟猪肉
Beef mutton & prime cut, catty	牛羊肉
" Corned, 140	鹹牛肉
" Roast, 130	燒牛肉
" Soup, 100	牛肉湯
" Steak, 120	牛腩
Bullock's Brains, per set	牛腦
" Tongue fresh, each	牛舌
" " corned, 310	鹹牛舌
" Head, 560	牛頭
" Heart, 150	牛心
" Hump, Salt catty	牛月
" Foot, each 60 50	牛脚
" Kidneys, 100	牛腰
" Tail, 70	牛尾
" Liver, catty 70	牛肝
" Tripe (undressed) catty 60 50	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet, set	牛仔頭脚
Flans, American, lb. 340	花旗火腿
" Chinese, 440	金華火腿
" English, Now, 240	來路火腿
" Japan cured, 200	日本火腿
" Shanghai, 150	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, 150	羊腩
" Leg, 150	羊腿
" Shoulder, 120	羊肩
Pigs' Chiddings, catty 70 60	豬鬃
" Feet, 110	豬蹄
" Fry, 160	豬鬃
" Head, each 500 450	豬頭
" Heart, 70	豬心
" Kidneys, pair 70	豬腰
" Liver, lb. 160	豬肝
" Pork Chop, catty 180	豬排
" Corned, 190	鹹豬肉
" Leg, 190	豬腿
" Fat or Lard, 150	豬油
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	羊頭脚
" Heart, each 60 40	羊心
" Kidneys, 70	羊腰
" Liver, lb. 160 140	羊肝
Smoking Pigs, each \$1.75 \$1.25	生牛油
Suet, Boof, lb. 110	生牛油
" Mutton, 100	生牛油
Veal, catty 130	牛仔肉

## Poultry.

Poultry.	Chinese Names.
Chicken, catty 180	雞仔
" Capons, 220	雞
" Ducks, 160	鴨
" Geese, each 120	鵝
" Eggs, Hen, doz. 110	雞蛋
" Duck, catty 180	鴨蛋
" Fowls, 150	雞
" Geese, each 120	鵝
" Hares, 420	兔仔
" Musk Deer, 180	麝
" Partridges, 180	野雞
" Pigeons, 180	鴿
" Phasants, brace 500	鸚鵡
" Rice Birds, doz. 140	白鴿
" Quail, each 140	山雞
" Snipe, 400	沙雞
" Turkeys, Cook, catty 400	火雞
" Hen, 350	火雞
" Teal, each 400	水鴨
" Wild Ducks, pair 60	上海水鴨

## Fish.

Fish.	Chinese Names.
Barbel, catty 120	加魚
" Bream, 80	鯉魚
" Bombay Ducks, 100 pieces 230	海魚
" On Fresh Water Fish, catty 100	海魚
" Carp, 100	海魚
" Catfish, 80	海魚
" Codfish, Salt, 80	海魚
" Crabs, 160	海魚
" Cuttle Fish, 80	海魚
" Dab, 60	海魚
" Dace, 90	海魚
" Dog Fish, 100	海魚
" Eels, Congor, 200	海魚
" Fresh water, 180	海魚
" Eels, Yellow, 80	海魚
" File Fish, 80	海魚
" Frogs, 80	海魚
" Fresh Fish, 80	海魚
" Gouroun, 220	海魚
" Gurnard, 80	海魚
" Herrings, 100	海魚
" Haddock, 110	海魚
" Labrus, 180	海魚
" Loch, 180	海魚
" Lobsters, 110	海魚
" Mackerel, 110	海魚
" Monk Fish, 110	海魚
" Mullus, 110	海魚
" Oysters, 140	海魚
" Porgies, 110	海魚

Pork.	catty	70
Pike,	"	"
Plaice,	"	"
Pomfret, White,	"	180
Pomfret, Black,	"	120
Trout,	"	210
Ray,	"	50
Rock Fish,	"	70
Roach,	"	"
Salmon, (Canton),	"	210
Shark,	"	50
Salt Fish,	"	110
Skate,	"	100
Shrimps,	"	130
Snapper,	"	130
Soles,	"	140
Tench,	"	"
Turbot,	"	120
Turtles, small, fresh water,	"	350
Whiting, catty	"	"
White Bait,	"	90

## Fruits.

Fruits.	catty	250
Apples, (California),	"	"
" (Tientsin),	"	"
" (Japan),	"	"
Bananas, (Canton),	"	30
" (brides),	"	"
Chestnuts, Chinese,	"	100
Cashewnuts,	"	100
Cocoanuts,	"	60
Ground Nuts,	"	50
Grapes,	"	170
Lemons, China,	"	100
" Peel,	"	"
Licenses, Dried,	"	250
" Fresh,	"	"
Limes,	"	"
Mango, (Siam),	"	50
" (Manila),	"	100
Mangosteens,	"	dozen
Oranges, Green,	"	110
" Sweet,	"	60
" Red,	"	70
Olives,	"	80
Pine-apples,	"	each 70
Pears,	"	catty 100
" (Tientsin),	"	140
Pumelo,	"	each 90
" (Siam),	"	catty 110
Peach, (Sweet),	"	"
Raisins, Muscatel,	"	"
" Pudding,	"	"
Water Chestnuts, com.	"	40
" Mandarin,	"	50
Walnuts,	"	130

## Vegetables &amp;c.

Vegetables &c.	catty	70
Artichokes, Shanghai,	"	"
Beans, (French),	"	180
" Long,	"	"
Beet Root,	"	30
Brussels, Green,	"	catty 40
" Red,	"	"
Brassica,	"	20
Bamboo Shoots,	"	90
Cabbage, Chinese com.	"	20
Cabbage, Shanghai,	"	60
Cauliflower,	"	140 100
Carrots,	"	catty 50
Celery, Chinese,	"	30
" English,	"	60
Chilies Dried,	"	180
" Red,	"	200
Cucumbers,	"	120
Bitter Squash,	"	"
Garlic,	"	40
Ginger, young,	"	50
Horseradish, Shanghai,	"	120
Indian Corn,	"	"
Lettuce, (English),	"	10
Mushrooms, Fresh,	"	catty 10
Onions, Bombay,	"	60
" Green,	"	80
" Shanghai,	"	40
" Japan,	"	40
Okra,	"	140
Parsley, English,	"	100
Potatoes, Sweet,	"	catty 20
" Shanghai,	"	"
" Japan,	"	"
" Macao,	"	30
Pumpkin,	"	"
Purslane,	"	"
Papaw,	"	25 20
Radish,	"	dozen 20
Rice, best quality, per picul,	"	\$4.50
" Common,	"	\$4.10
Shallots,	"	catty 40
Spinage, (Chinese),	"	"
Spinach,	"	80
Snake Gourd,	"	40
Tomatoes,	"	60
Taro,	"	20 15
Turnips, Punt, (Long),	"	50
Vegetable Marrow,	"	"
" (Long),	"	60
Water Cress,	"	"

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## HONGKONG AND THE WEST RIVER.

The opening of the West River seems likely to be a more drastic measure than at first sight appeared, as it practically amounts to obtaining access to the growing islands usually spoken of as the delta of the Canton River. The expression of delta, if intended to imply that these islands are an accretion of the river, is entirely misleading, as the fringe-work is evenly rocky, the lands having existed as long as the river, and only the lower flats here and there can be at all looked upon as alluvial growth. Practically, notwithstanding its proximity to Hongkong, very little is known of the islands forming the delta of the Canton River, and the knowledge of this district has, in fact, decreased rather than the contrary in recent times, since Canton and Whampoa have lost their importance as shipping ports. The despatch from Mr. Chaudhury to the Governor of Hongkong would imply that the British Minister has taken care to make himself acquainted with the circumstances of the case, as he has stipulated for freedom of passage from the lower part of Samshui, with its dependencies of Kowloon and Kowloon, to both Canton and Hongkong. This district of the islands of the Pearl River is probably the most fertile and populous in China, and some of its villages rise to the proportions of large towns. There, as elsewhere in China, the real status quo is to be seen in the large proportion of the population of Hongkong, as well as much more than its share of the compradors and larger native merchants. The large class of domestic servants in the Colony is also mainly recruited from this district. In spite, however, of this, and the fact that the bulk of Cantonese emigrants to America, Australia, the South-west Islands, and elsewhere, hail from Hongkong, the people seem always to have held aloof from foreign influence. In fact, the opposition to the opening of Kowloon Province and the freedom of trade has been more due to the jealousy and clamorous nature of our Hongkong compradors than to any fixed policy of the Chinese officials. Dr. Dyer Hall makes an intellectual attempt in some notes on the peculiarities of the spot language of Hongkong to arrive at a computation of the population of this one district. The attempt is not very successful, but it would seem to considerably exceed a million; perhaps approaching two. Of the topography of the islands we may be said to know scarcely anything except from the surveys of Mr. T. Marsh Brown. During the last war British gunboats, indeed, traversed the mazes of creeks which interest them in all directions, but since that time except for an occasional visit of a revenue cruiser they are seldom or never visited.

An examination of these charts will show that the three stations to be opened in the outer section are all situated on the broad but shallow continuation of the West River, marked on most of our charts as the Sze Kwei. Samshui, a name indicative of its situation at the junction of the West with the North River, where the former, after leaving the mountainous country of Shingling and flowing through the celebrated Shingling Pass emerges first from the continental country and receives its northern tributary. Samshui, a name indicative of its situation at the junction of the West with the North River, where the former, after leaving the mountainous country of Shingling and flowing through the celebrated Shingling Pass emerges first from the continental country and receives its northern tributary. Samshui, a name indicative of its situation at the junction of the West with the North River, where the former, after leaving the mountainous country of Shingling and flowing through the celebrated Shingling Pass emerges first from the continental country and receives its northern tributary.

## Hongkong Tides.

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 6 in. to the height given in the table.

8th to 14th April.						
HIGH WATER.				LOW W		
Day.	Week.	Month.	Mean Time.	Height.	Day.	Mean Time.
Thurs	1	4	11 45	14	Thurs	1 4 32
Fri.	2	5	11 16	14	Fri.	2 5 15
Sat.	3	6	No inferior	14	Sat.	3 6 10
Sun.	4	7	11 09	14	Sun.	4 7 53
Mon.	5	8	No inferior	14	Mon.	5 8 47
Tues.	6	9	11 02	14	Tues.	6 9 40
Wed.	7	10	10 54	14	Wed.	7 10 34



### Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

900	18	1150	Captain Macdonald	at route
—	—	—	—	Health
1153	7	1600	Commander E. B. Ross	at route
480	4	485	Commander J. Jones	at route
500	8	8500	Capt. Howell	at route
1700	16	3680	Commander C. Brown	at route
1280	1F	1470	Commander A. Smith	at route

SUBWAY RAIL: at the China Mail Office, No. 4, Westlake Street.

## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where.
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	1500	32	6000	Captain Molas	Nagasaki
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	2781	33	9000	Captain Kasherblief	Yokohama
Africa	Portuguese transport	1993	—	—	Capt. Antonio Sergio de Souza	Macao
Alcant	Russian gunboat	810	3	720	Captain Parnegio	Vladivostok
Arcona	German cruiser	2300	18	2400	Captain Becker	Yokohama
Argos	Spanish gunboat	608	2	500	Capt. R. Cabreria	Manila
Astoria	French gunboat	444	4	450	Commander Journe	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagel pil	6010	28	4450	Commander Forlin	Salgou
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	462	5	450	Capt. A. T. da Costa e Silva	Macao
Bobro	Russian sloop	950	13	1150	Captain Molas	Nagasaki
Boaton	U. S. cruiser	3600	8	3600	Captain F. Wildes	Hongkong
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3300	22	3600	Capt. Antonio da Oñra	Manila
Cela	Spanish troopship	632	2	600	Lieut. A. Bartera	Manila
Comete	French gunboat	495	4	560	Capt. Simen	Shanghai
Comoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2800	Capt. Byssmuller	Nagasaki
Desceartes	French cruiser	4000	22	4500	Capt. Bernart	en route
Detroit	U. S. cruiser	2800	16	5400	Capt. Reisch	Singapore
Dimitri Donaskol	Russian cruiser	18	6000	—	Capt. W. Willhoff	Shanghai
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	13	1325	Com. B. Robion	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	14	1600	Commander J. de la Corroña	Manila
Ecano	Spanish gunboat	560	7	600	Lieut. Com. F. Escudero	Manila
Geldanack	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Steverdrinnik	Nagasaki
General Alava	Spanish troopship	1200	2	1000	Capt. R. Rodriguez-Trepillo	Shanghai
General Leiz	Spanish gunboat	520	6	630	Lieut. Com. B. Bonavente	Manila
Graciansky	Russian gunboat	3490	12	1900	Capt. Bonchaseff	Nagasaki
Irene	German cruiser	4400	23	8000	Commander du Bois	Yokohama
Isla de Cuba	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	10	2200	Commander D. Regalado	Manila
Isla de Luzon	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	10	2200	Commander F. Barreto	Manila
Kaiser	French flagel pil	7977	15	7800	Capt. Yedlin	Hongkong
Kaiser Franz Josef I	Austrian cruiser	4000	29	10,000	Capt. W. J. Derr	Yokohama
Konigin Wilhelmina	Nederlan cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Lindstrom	Yokohama
Korejets	Russian sloop	1200	9	2180	Capt. Beckmiller	Nagasaki
Kreuzer	Russian sloop	1330	13	1200	Lieutenant Gausche	Salgou
Lion	French gunboat	550	6	500	Commander Mackenzie	Manila
Maclias	U. S. cruiser	1200	16	1800	Lieut. Com. J. V. Ozama	Manila
Manila	Spanish transport	1000	9	750	Commander Andruif	Nagasaki
Manduhur	Russian sloop	1200	9	1400	Lieut. Com. S. Moreno de Guerra	Manila
Marques del Duero	Spanish gunboat	500	5	550	Com. O. W. Farnholt	Manila
Monaco	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Captain J. J. Reed	Yokohama
Olympia	U. S. flagel pil	5800	14	15,500	Commander Bell	Bangkok
Orelsky	Russian gunboat	1490	15	800	Captain Vlasov	Nagasaki
Panama	Russian cruiser	8050	35	8000	Commander Karpal	en route
Pantlas	Austrian cruiser	1540	10	—	Lieut. Commander Vidal	Bangkok
Pascal	French cruiser	4800	30	—	Capt. Karpal	Yokohama
Pievier	French gunboat	545	8	450	Comdr. Rodman	Nagasaki
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Captain Bernart	Vladivostok
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3300	18	4800	Captain Andruif	Manila
Roch	Russian flagel pil	11,600	46	15,000	Captain Bernart	Vladivostok
Silatch	Russian gunboat	980	13	1180	Captain Andruif	en route
Stivotch	Russian cruiser	980	13	1180	Commander A. Rebert	Manila
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Rodman	Nagasaki
Valasco	Spanish gunboat	1150	7	1000	Commander Bernart	Vladivostok
Vipere	French gunboat	460	7	485	Comdr. Rodman	Nagasaki
Vladik	Russian gunboat	500	0	3000	Commander Bernart	Vladivostok
Yokohama	U. S. cruiser	1700	16	3850	Captain Bernart	Vladivostok
Zebifaka	Russian cruiser	1230	17	1475	Comdr. Rodman	Nagasaki